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French	... ...	15
Italian	... ...	1
Belgian	... ...	3
Portuguese	... ...	4
Swiss	... ...	6
Swedish	... ...	1
Dutch	... ...	1

(*c*) Permanent 29.

Temporary 9.

(*d*) Number employed before the 2nd July 1929 ... 22

Number employed after 2nd July 1929 ... 16

(*e*) Seven sisters are permanent and the remaining nine are temporary.

(*f*) The religious sisters came to be employed under an arrangement with their respective missions at a time when a sufficient number of nurses trained in Government Hospitals were not available.

(*g*) Madras trained nurses became available in sufficient numbers only recently.

(*h*) Nurses are available for appointment immediately after the examination which are held half-yearly; nurses whose services are required are appointed to vacancies which exist. There was thus no necessity to advertise the vacancies.

(*i*) (1), (2) and (3) A list [a] of religious sisters who resigned their appointments with the reasons therefor is attached.

(*j*) The expenditure on account of the employment of nurses whether religious or secular is the same.

(*k*) & (*l*) Orders in G.O. No. 712, Public, dated 2nd July 1929, are applicable to the members of the nursing staff only after 20th August 1930, the date on which the Madras Medical Subordinate Service Rules (General Branch) were issued. The question whether the sisters employed after this date should be retained in service or not is under the consideration of the Government.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce that the Periyar Irrigation Tanks (Preservation) Act, 1934, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 15th March 1934."

a Printed as Appendix III on pages 754–755 infra.